

Manchester 11th Aug. 1854

Dear Friend May

Your last letter gave me great pleasure - I am writing to day to my family, and will enclose a short ^{note} to you. When Brown does not go the ¹¹ fifth of August. Consequently my letters by him, written and delivered before that day, will be delayed.

My stay at Manchester is prolonged somewhat, and for two or three reasons. First, it is a good place to be in - including Broughton, (a sort of Roxbury or Brookline to it,) where I am at present staying. Then secondly, the Leeds people wrote me not to come there for a fortnight - and thirdly, as they quarantined me for that time, I have, to make the best of it, gone into a little water and vapor bath treatment, for my side - and am deriving my advantage from it.

I am flattering myself with the
idea of considerably improved health,
since the weather has become warm
en - and as you will see, have
gone into some Anti Slavery labor.
The danger is of overdoing - for my
calls are quite numerous - more than
I can comply with - We had a grand
meeting on the first, as you will gather
from the Proceedings - They are now
in Press in Pamphlet form, and consider-
ably enlarged - swelling probably to a thick
volume, as one of our annual Reports.
Dr. Beards Speech upon Rossuth has made
quite a sensation among the friends
of the Hungarian Cause - And had I the
files of the Liberator or Standard, it would
be easy now to show up his heartlessness.
He gets worse & worse, as you have seen
& will see, in the Standard & elsewhere.
The cry about Infidelity has its influence
here: and is likely to have more - though
many Unitarian and Independent friends

they stand the fire pretty well. Probably
many of them however such they in Amer-
ica, would cower & flee before it. But
what am I to think of Dr. Campbell and
his British Opponent - He lauded our
Conference to the very skies - and
then puts me even higher than that.
Can it be that he too has been bitten by
my "baptized dog" - ^{that a case of Hydrophobia that was!} you have not for-
gotten how he helped to swell the
cry against me, about those fabu-
lous Church Members, at whose bap-
tism I was said to be the officiating
priest. The London Inquirer takes
a very false and unworthy view of the
Conference indeed - I have not seen
it, but Mr. Bishop writes me that such
is the fact. But the Press on the
whole, gives us credit and praise.
The Leeds Anti Slavery folks have to-
ken Mr. Baines Letter to the Editors
of Boston, and mine thanking him for
it, and have made them into a beauti-

ful little tract for wide circulation
I suppose the Free Traders will not
thank me for my view of them - But Mr
Thompson says it is the right view
for this country, and that he will e-
dorse & defend it. I wrote Miss Abriet Lu-
ton from whom a note to me had come
asking her if the Leeds Newspaper would not
give us a word of strength & cheer, in our
disappointed attempt to save poor Burns
from going down again into the Hinnom
of Slavery - She gave my note to Mr. Baines, and
hence the Tract in question.

Some of my friends on both sides of the
Atlantic begin to intimate seriously that
I should not think of returning to America
till next year - My own family whose wishes
^{always with me,} and opinions are the first to be consulted, have
already written me to stay if I think it best.
And they seem to have done it in a spirit worthy
Commendatory of them in a high degree - and in
a manner to bind them all the closer to
my heart. If my health will allow me to la-
bor some, while travelling, nothing could please
me better than to winter here. Perhaps you
will express an opinion on the subject ^{on to}
then to me, R. D. Webb, or Miss Estlin, from whom
anything you write will reach me - And with
the love of a true & faithful brother to you and
the office company, with Mr. Phillips and his rest, I subscribe
Yours as ever... Parker Pillsbury.

Ms. A. 6. 1. 55

Leicester, June 14. 1854.

Dear W. May;

I recd. yesterday the letter you forwarded to me, from Rev. Mr. Stenithal of Bridgewater. In it he speaks of "a poem" which he has forwarded for the Liberator. As it did not come to me, possibly you took it out, & did not think to put it in the envelope again. Probably, he did not send it, as intended. I should be glad to know how it is, as I mean to write to him soon.

How he came to direct this letter to you, at Syracuse, quite puzzles me. He has written to me twice before, always directing correctly. And his intimacy with the Estlins, and their constant intercourse & conference on antislavery topics, must have led him to know that there be 2 antislavery S. Mays. If it were not for certain internal evidence, such as the receiving parcels (which probably you have not sent him, and which I have), I should insist that the letter was meant for you, & that he was wishing to open a correspondence with you, & I should return it to you forthwith - As it is, I conclude it to be meant for me, & so keep it. Mr. Stenithal is the Unitarian minister at B., & by all reliable accounts is a very intelligent, clever, & worthy man, and his friendship to our cause highly important.

I hope you got home well with Corrin Lucretia. When you have a few minutes leisure - I suppose it is a very

busy time with you now - I shall be right glad to hear how you all are, - about Charlotte, &c. &c.

Efforts are making to induce our U.S. Grand Jury to indict T. Parker, W. Phillips, and some others. What it will amount to remains to be seen. The Governor of Massachusetts & the Mayor of Boston have both gone down into the dust before that most contemptible scoundrel, Benjamin F. Hallett, and why the U.S. Grand Jury should not follow suit, I don't know. - You know of course that T. W. Higginson has been arrested on a charge of riot. He gave bail, & will have his trial probably in July. A fine state of things! Every free press in the North should cry 'shame' on the City and State, whose wretched pusillanimity has tempted to such tyrannous & unheard-of outrages.

J. T. Clarke preached an excellent sermon on the Rendition of Burns. As you may not have seen it, I will send you the copy I have.

Love to all your household -

Affectionately, Yours

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